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**Floresta Drive Temporary Closure for the Crosstown Parkway Extension Project**

PORT ST. LUCIE – Beginning June 5 to August 11 during the St. Lucie County School summer break, the City’s contractor will close a portion of Floresta Drive to complete necessary drainage and underground infrastructure activities for the Crosstown Parkway Extension Project.

Motorists are urged to follow the signed detour routes at Thornhill Drive, Sandia Drive and Evergreen Terrace during this closure. Floresta Drive will remain open to local traffic and to accommodate businesses in the Floresta Center, Floresta Elementary School, Port St. Lucie Christian Church, Aycocock Funeral Home, Growing and Learning Academy, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and the local residents. The roadway will be completely closed between Atlantis Avenue and Chaloupe Avenue for the two-month period. Floresta Drive will be reopened prior to the start of St. Lucie County school year.

Signs also will be in place along the route to notify drivers that businesses in the area will continue to operate during this road closure. Access to the businesses, churches, and schools will be maintained throughout the closure. The City of Port St. Lucie regrets any inconvenience this necessary closure will cause. When this work is complete in August, the City does not anticipate any other full closures of Floresta Drive, barring any unexpected emergencies. At that point, the City and its partners will make every effort to keep Floresta Drive open until it is in its final configuration.

The Crosstown Parkway Extension Project will connect the existing Crosstown Parkway with U.S. Highway 1 at Village Green Drive. The project will provide numerous benefits to the community, including providing traffic congestion relief from Port St. Lucie and Prima Vista Boulevards and a new emergency evacuation route. Construction started in early January on roadway, drainage and utility activities. Project completion is anticipated in Fall 2019. The Crosstown Parkway Extension will provide a 6-lane divided roadway and linear park, with the bridge being approximately 4,000 feet. It also will serve as a multi-modal transportation alternative with accommodations for automobile, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit.

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